

JCHC Orientation

COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Agenda

Overview of Commission role and process

Planning process for Commission work

Authority in Statute

- Joint Commission on Health Care established in the Code of Virginia in 1992 (§ 30-168., et. seq.)
- Commission is comprised of 18 legislative members
 - 10 Delegates appointed by the Speaker (at least 3 from the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions)
 - 8 Senators appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules
 - Secretary of Health and Human Resources is an ex-officio member
- Statute includes a sunset clause – July 1, 2022

Purpose of JCHC

“The purpose of the Commission is to study, report and make recommendations on all areas of health care provision, regulation, insurance, liability, licensing, and delivery of services.”

“Commission shall endeavor to ensure that the Commonwealth as provider, financier, and regulator adopts the most cost-effective and efficacious means of delivery of health care services so that the greatest number of Virginians receive quality health care.”

- Code of Virginia; § 30-168

Commission Process

- Direct studies to be conducted by staff during the interim between sessions
- Invite stakeholders to make presentations and participate
- Recommend health care policy changes through legislation, budget language, or written direction to agencies

Commission Process (cont.)

- Adopting recommendations requires a majority vote of Commission members, including at least half from each chamber
 - 10 votes required for a majority
 - At least 5 House Members and 4 Senate Members
- Staff work with legislative services and patrons to draft and submit legislation recommended by the Commission

Commission Staff

- Employs a 5-person, professional staff to support Commission work
- Staff are non-partisan
- Currently recruiting to fill two open analyst positions

Staff Role

- Facilitate annual work plan and commission meetings
- Conduct studies as directed by the Commission
- Support JCHC member legislation related to JCHC work
 - Work with DLS to draft legislation
 - Provide talking points to Members during session
 - Be available during committee meetings

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Sources of JCHC Studies

- Study resolutions referred to JCHC from Rules Committees
- Letter requests to the JCHC Chair from Members
- Referrals from other Commissions
- Referrals from stakeholders
- Staff study ideas

Proposed study selection process

September/October	Executive subcommittee reviews potential studies and identifies its highest priorities
November/December	Staff develops study resolutions for review and formal approval by Executive Subcommittee and full Commission
January-March	Staff tracks study resolutions during session and communicates with Members to determine if new studies need to be prioritized over existing work
May	Staff present annual work plan to the Commission

Referrals to JCHC during 2020

- Health care spending in Virginia (HJ36; Carter)
- Strategies to address the health insurance market
 - Commonwealth Care Health Benefits Program (SB364; Dunnavant)
 - Options to cover uninsured individuals earning <200% FPL (Member request; Hope)
 - Public Option Health Insurance Plan (HB5083; Samirah)
- Qualifications of the State Health Commissioner and local health department directors (SB993; Locke)

Next Steps

- Discussion of additional topics Members would like considered
- Executive Subcommittee meets to identify additional topics and prioritize those topics
- Staff develops study resolutions and assesses capacity for 2021
 - Staff likely can address 3-4 studies, depending on scope
 - Additional priority topics can be addressed through Commission meetings or workgroups

Member Discussion/Questions

Upcoming Meetings

October 20th (1pm)

- Staff briefing: Total health care spending in Virginia (HJ36)
- Update on state-based exchange implementation and reinsurance workgroup
- Stakeholder briefing: Virginia Association of Health Plans

November 16th (1pm)

- Interim staff briefing: Strategies to address health insurance affordability
- Stakeholder briefing: Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association
- Stakeholder briefing: Virginia Health Care Association
- Stakeholder briefing: Medical Society of Virginia

Executive Subcommittee Planning Meetings (dates TBD)

NOTE: meeting dates need approval from the Clerk's office and are subject to change